

December 2020

Dear Parent

Year 11 Virtual Targeted Parents' Evening

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you to our first Year 11 virtual parents' evening, which will take place on Thursday 14th January 2021. The aim of this event is to update you on your child's progress and support them in improving in their subjects. Also, as you may be aware, exams will be going ahead as normal in May 2021, and at this virtual event, we will be discussing how to support your child in preparing for this important time. During your virtual appointment, you will have the opportunity to meet with several members of staff, including senior leadership, house teams and subject teachers.

Your appointment will take place virtually via our online system, in timeslots from **14:00 to 18:30**. The virtual appointments will vary between five and ten minutes long, and will be made via video call from staff to parent. For this, we will be using our online booking system for parents to book their own appointments via SchoolCloud: <https://uhsbooking.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>. You may have used this system with us before for previous parents' evenings, but it now has a new video call feature.

Appointment slots will go live on Thursday 7th January at 08:30 and close at 15:00 on Tuesday 12th January. It is important that you book your appointments during this time. Please note that there will be several events set up on the system for this evening:

- Five-minute wellbeing appointment with form tutors, house team or senior leadership, available between 14:00 and 15:00 (*all parents invited*)
- Ten-minute subject specific appointments, available between 15:00 and 18:30 (*all parents invited, but only four subjects allocated per parent, which will be provided to you in advance*)
- SEN staff available between 15:00 to 18:30 (*targeted event, invited parents only*)

We will write to everyone individually in the New Year to inform you of your required bookings. Please ensure that you select the correct parents' evening when booking, in order to be assigned to the correct teachers and appointment slots.

On the day of parents' evening, Thursday 14th January, all students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 13:15 and the school will be closed for the afternoon. This is so that teaching staff have the opportunity to prepare for the event, as they would normally, and then start making the video calls.

A week prior to the event, your child will be given their individualised parents' evening letter and progress report to bring home, which will have a breakdown of information for you to read prior to the event. On the day of the parents' evening, please have your report to hand as your child's subject teachers will be discussing targets and areas for improvement and how we, as a school, and you, as a parent, can support your child moving forward.

Finally, you can find more information regarding this event on our parents' evening welcome page via https://www.uhs.org.uk/page/?title=Parents%27+Evening+Information&pid=312_x, where you will also find more information to help you prepare for the event in advance.

Yours sincerely

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